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ds To-Day.

TILL SATURDAY

n Return to His Farm
land, Ill.—He Talks
s Case—Work
f the Jury.

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bistral. "And, of course,
at it turned my way. I
ent for some days that the
be to acquit me as I don't
any case against me.
m made a fine speech yes-
and Mr. Johns, he
nd in my defense. I'll
two of as fine lawyers as
the state.

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uch a charge against me
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nday, when he will re-
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d have many friends in the
d here for so many years
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D QUICK WORK.

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System Adopted.

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Cerro Gordo tonight and
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on's Appointments.

ady Grove Sunday morn-
ad 10.30. Preaching at
afternoon at 3 p. m.

FIRST FORMAL SERVICE.

Opening of the New Cumberland Pres-
byterian Church Next Sunday.

The Cumberland Presbyterian people
will formally open the chapel of their
new church next Sunday at 2:30. The
following gentlemen have been asked to
speak: Rev. S. H. Bowyer, on "The
Obligation of the Church to the Sunday
School," P. P. Laughlin, on "The obli-
gation of the Sunday School to the
Church," A. H. Mills, on "The Practical
Side of Sunday School Work." The
members of the other Sunday schools of
the city are invited to attend.

Democratic Aldermen.

Last night four candidates for aldermen
on the Democratic ticket were selected as
follows:

Third Ward—J. G. Danzels.
Fourth Ward—John Hartton.
Sixth Ward—J. C. Brand.
Seventh Ward—W. F. Gubbart.

There was no opposition except in the
Fourth and Sixth. In the Fourth Will-
iam Bold got 31 and Hartton 55. In the
Sixth Brand got 56, Finnan 37, Hoffaker
13 and Kello 13.

In the Fifth ward tonight there will be
a hot contest between John Guggery and
Edward Higgin for the nomination.
The Democrats may winter their votes
in the First and Second wards.

AGAINST SCANTIAN.

At the Seventh ward primary last
night the Democrats resolved themselves
into a meeting of the Eighteenth precinct
with the same chairman and secretary
and adopted the following resolution:

"It is the sense of the Democrats of
the Eighteenth precinct in this convention
we should have a fair representation on
the board of judges and clerks in the
election; those being recognized as Dem-
ocrats only who vote for the regular
nominations and act in unison with the party.
H. C. Scantian, appointed as clerk at the
coming city election not being recognized
by us as in sympathy with Democratic
principles, we unite in asking that a
Democrat of unquestioned faith be ap-
pointed in his place in accordance with
statute 46, paragraph 34, section 83; also
paragraph 35, section 37."

Married.

At his office, March 30, by Judge Ham-
mer, W. D. Trimmer of Bearsdale and
Miss Lucy Foster of Niantic.

At Grace M. E. church parsonage, by
Rev. W. F. Gillmore, March 30, "Squire
Woodruff of Sullivan and Miss Mary
Duncan of Windsor.

At Harriestown, by Rev. Mr. Jeffers,
March 30, John Beckhold of Decatur and
Miss Florence Lane.

Ladies of the Cub Will Entertain.

The young ladies of the Social Dancing
club will entertain the young gentlemen
of the club this evening. This is the last
dance of the club for this season and the
young ladies will have charge of the pro-
gram which is no yet made public but
which will contain some interesting fea-
ture. The dance will be given at the
Guards' armory. Supper will be served.

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WAR MAY COME ANY DAY.

Abstract of Minister Woodford's Cable
on Spain's Reply to the
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PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET

Held a Long Meeting To-Day—Mes-
sage to Go to Congress
At Once.

It is Apparent that the Spaniards Will Go Ahead and
Line up for Active Operations--And Uncle
Sam Will be Ready When the Guns
Begin to Boom.

Washington, April 1.—The following is
an abstract of Minister Woodford's cable
received late last night: He informed
the government that Blanco had revoked
the reconcentration order in the western
provinces of Cuba; that Spain had placed
a bond of \$500,000 dollars to assist
the country people to return with success
to their homes; that Spain will accept
American assistance to feed and succor
the army sent from the United States
to assist in the plan now in oper-
ation. Spain proposes to confide the pre-
paration of honorable and stable peace to
the regular parliament, without whose
consent Spain will not be able to ar-
rive at final result. It has been under-
stood that the powers reserved by consti-
tution to the central government are not
changed. As the Cuban chambers will
not meet until May 4, Spain will not
now put object to a suspension of hos-
tilities asked by the insurgents from
the general-in-chief, to whom it will be
left to determine the duration and condi-
tions of the suspension.

The president will communicate with
Congress as soon as he can prepare a mes-
sage.

The foregoing, including the last sen-
tence, was made public immediately after
the cabinet meeting.

VERY CRITICAL.

The cabinet will assemble at 5 o'clock.
The members of the cabinet regard the
situation as of the very gravest and most
serious character possible.

LATEST.

Mr. Reed has been called to the
White House to consult with the president
on the Cuban question.

It can be stated on authority that the
cabinet is now made up will constitute
the basis as it will be submitted to con-
sideration in the president's message. There
is no present intention of pursuing fur-
ther the negotiation which will change
the status of the Cuban question as it is
now presented in the correspondence be-
tween Spain and the United States.

CONGRESS TO SPEAK MONDAY

Outline of Spanish Position—Cortes
Will Not Meet Until April 24.

Washington, April 1.—The reply of
Spain is said in effect to be: Independ-
ence of Cuba means the parting or cession
of Spanish territory which cannot be
done without the consent of the cortes,
which will not be session in until April
24; consequently no definite answer can
be returned to the demand of the United
States until the cortes assemble.

Then comes the counter proposition:
The Cuban matter to be settled on a basis
equitable among all nations. The United
States is asked to give the Spanish
time to treat with the insurgents and as-
certain what can be done in the nature of
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DAMP WEATHER

us by the Throat, but you can shake off that
"Grip," Cough or Cold, if you will use

The Great 4-C Remedy.

HAT IF NOT MIRACLES?

edy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miracu
to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor
to write the persons whose names appear below or any one
appear among these testimonials.)
to convince the public of my sincerity and of the
true merits of this remedy.

OF THE RACE.
NORTHERN TIMES, 1
t, Okla., Dec. 12 '93.
It is my duty to write
the beneficial effect of
the "Four C" remedy in
the attack of a gripe
and so I have I could
not resist the temptation
to write you. The night
before last, just before
midnight, I was seized
with a severe attack of
the grippe, cold and
cough, and I was unable
to get to sleep. I had
heard of the "Four C"
remedy, and I decided to
try it. I took a few
drops, and in a few
minutes I was able to
get to sleep. I was
much surprised to find
that the "Four C" was
so effective. I have
since used it several
times, and it has always
been successful. I
recommend it to all
who are afflicted with
the grippe, cold and
cough.

UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.
J. B. HULING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
126 South Clark St.,
Chicago, Nov. 24, '94.

R. R. Phelps, Pa. City.
DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the
great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat
and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical
of the merits of proprietary medicines, but
have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is
convincing that at least one remedy made remedy
is worthy of use. My children all take it with
out the least objection, from oldest to youngest,
and it is particularly noticeable that benefits are
almost immediate. A single dose will check a
cough in their beginning; it gives an unbroken
rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply
indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.
Yours,
J. B. HULING.

ACUTE LARYNGITIS.
Chicago, Sept. 25, '95.
For years back each winter I have suffered
with acute laryngitis. Last winter was so bad
I could not leave my room for two weeks or
could not speak above a whisper. I tried every
known cough preparation from cough drops to
and down with no relief, then in desperation I
was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first
dose relieved my cough, giving me the first
night's rest for weeks. That the bottle cured
me, I have never been without this wonderful
remedy since. It is as different from other like
remedies as molasses from vinegar or sugar
from sand.
Mrs. JOSEPH E. GRIFFIN,
833 Madison Ave.

IT IS A MIRACLE.
Conductor Richard, the Railroad Correspondent
of the Neodesha Kansas Register, has this
to say of "Four C": Phelps is having a wonder-
ful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We
personally know it is just what it is represented
to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It
is a miracle.

DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.
We are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE
Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give
Bronchitis, Asthma, LaGrippe, Coughs and Colds, no mat-
ter, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee in all cases of Bron-
chitis, not as a cure-all, but to give unbounded satisfaction. Give
the conditions. I take all chances.

Strong Bros., 118 53d Street, Chicago, Ill., Prop.
Strong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbar

SPRING SEASON...



We have many new creations of fine
JUVENILE STYLES, some exquisitely
smart garments in BOYS' and CHIL-
DREN'S CLOTHING.

They are worthy of examination and
will stand comparison in quality,
style, fit and price.

See Them...

CHEAP CHARLEY,
The Reliable Clothier.

The Best Wheelmen



are particular about their
wheels and are far from
agreeing as to which is
the best, but here are
some significant facts:—
You have noticed that
DECATUR riders are
most enthusiastic in
their praise. The experts
find no fault to find with
them. All wheelmen, no
matter what wheel they

ride have none but good words for the DECATUR.
These things are significant, think them over. Then
come in and let us tell you how the wheels are made,
why they are good, and cheaper than others.

DECATUR BICYCLES—UNEXCELLED.

MOREHOUSE & WELLS GO,
134-140 East Main Street.

Take Particular Notice of This Advertisement!

No formal display—haven't time—but we have on sale large lines of
EASTER HATS—Miss Ann McDonald's own exquisite productions for
Special Easter trade.

We have also been through our entire stock of DRESS GOODS
and remodeled prices in order to realize quickly. No such bargains and
values offered elsewhere. You make a great mistake if you do not take a
good look at our goods and prices. It pays to investigate.

S. G. Hatch & Bro. J. W. Race, Assignee.

Elizabeth
Knieper-Bunn

Teacher of VOICE CULTURE

And the ART OF SINGING Italian
Method.

STUDIO
Room 414, Powers Building.

**New—
Meat Market.**

Northwest Cor. Lincoln Square.

COOPER & PRIDDY,

In connection with their Dairy Exchange, have
opened a First Class Meat Market, where a fine
assortment of meats will always be on sale.
The public are cordially invited to call.
G. W. COLE, formerly with the Foster Meat
Market, will serve you.
NEW PHONE 378.

HAVE YOU TRIED

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—

"The Economy,"
221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
The Peoria County Teachers' Institute
held a four days' session this week.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
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Blue Grass and La Fayette Park mix-
ture, just the thing for your lawn. Se-
lected stock garden and flower seeds, in
bulk and packages. J. M. Hughes &
Co., first door south of opera house.—211f

At 223 North Main street the largest
stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also
the greatest assortment of Flower
Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet
Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee
& Culp. feb 9-diff

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of
Wood and Main streets, for fine and me-
dium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons,
road wagons, roadsters, spring wagons,
farm wagons.—ml-d&wtf

Call at the C. B. Prescott music house
and see those elegantly finished Reed &
Son's pianos. They are the favorites ev-
erywhere.

Call on Webb C. Foster, 1075 North
Water for meat, vegetables and fruits.

Reception Last Night.

Last evening at their home, 1145 North
Edward street Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Birks
gave a reception for their son, Elmer
Birks, and bride. About 60 guests were
entertained at 6 o'clock dinner. The
young ladies who assisted in entertaining
were Miss Estelle Williams, Miss Marg-
aret Landis and Miss Carrie Birks. Those
who assisted in the dining room were
Mrs. A. C. Birks, Mrs. John Matthews,
Mrs. W. E. Gleason and Mrs. J. O. Rig-
gin. The house was decorated in pink.
The guests in attendance from out of
town were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Birks, J.
Copeland, Mt. Pulaski; Mrs. W. Beal
and Miss Lulu Beal, Warrensburg; W. E.
Gouge and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. D.
Ash, Mr. Wynne and Miss Jacobs,
Harrietstown.

Van Hall and the Dog Show.

Eds. Republican:—Would you kindly
publish this to set me right before my
own citizens. I paid all of my dog show
bills, never disputed one bill and spent
over \$300 dollars for advertising, hall
rent, lights, carriage, music etc

Talking about the dog show, I have
done exactly what I agreed to do, to give
\$300 worth of prizes. I did not adver-
tise \$300 cash prizes. Now then, Mrs.
Metz received a prize which cost Curtis
Bros. wholesale \$5, a jewel box, the Re-
view calls it a pin cushion. Miss Hoblett
received a fine book which cost Saxton's
book store \$4, the Review calls it a kin-
dergarten book. Mr. Dingman received
a pair of razors, which cost Morehouse-
Wells Co. \$4. Mr. Clucas received a pair
of silk suspenders, which cost at Mor-
gan's Clothing house \$1, the Review calls
them 10 cent suspenders. The boys with
the fox hounds received a hat, which
Maienthal Bros. Clothing Co. tells us,
cost \$1. Mr. Smith received a bound
made out of cotton flannel, from Morgan's
bazaar, which cost \$1.05, the Review tells
us it was a toy dog. I have given away
amount of Diamond Wheels for home
grinding, valued at \$3.50 a piece, for
prizes. I have sold only one in my life.
To Harry Mickitt, who is running for
sheriff now, at \$1.50, because he was a
real friend of mine and I deducted \$1
from cost price. I have several agents
out selling the wheels at \$2.50 a piece.
Yours truly,
M. C. Van Hall.

A Birthday Surprise.
About 35 of the friends and neighbors
of Dr. and Mrs. M. Lee called at their
home on North Water street last evening
and assisted the doctor and his wife in
celebrating the 55th anniversary of the
doctor's birthday. Dr. and Mrs. Lee did
not know of the intentions of their
friends until they presented themselves at
their home for admittance and were
greatly surprised. The guests were enter-
tained with cards and music. Supper
was served.

Fast in the Mud.

The laundry wagon of Rainey and Stein
stuck in the mud in the 1100 block on
Sagamond street yesterday afternoon and
the horses attached were unable to pull it
out. The driver unhitched the horses
and rode back to the barn leaving the
wagon there. This morning a drayman
with a team of heavy horses went out and
pulled the wagon from the mud and
put it out to dry land.

For Miss Atchison's Benefit.

The Girl's Mission Band of the College
street chapel will have a sale of pastry and
cake at D. H. Hellman's grocery on Sat-
urday, April 9. The sale will begin at 9
a. m. and the proceeds will be devoted to
the fund for the support of Miss Atchison,
who is working as a missionary among
the mountain whites of Tennessee.

LIBERTY AT LAST

Jack Faunce May be Free
Within Two Weeks.

STATES ATTORNEY TO ACT

Mills Will Join Attorney Hugh Crea in
a Petition to the State Pardon
Board—Will Write Out Extend-
ed Statement of Facts.

It is expected that Ephraim Faunce,
famously known as Jack Faunce, who
has been a life convict in the Joliet peni-
tentiary for the alleged murder of Mat
McKinley in July, 1880, will be a free
man within about two weeks. The reason
for this conclusion is the course that
State's Attorney Mills has determined to
pursue. He reached the conclusion last
night and is now preparing an extended
statement, which will be presented to
the state pardoning board at its meeting
one week from next Tuesday, April 12.
Mr. Mills will join with Attorney Hugh
Crea in the intercession for Faunce.

MR. MILLS TO ACT FOR FAUNCE.

In an interview today with a Republi-
can reporter State's Attorney Mills said:
"The verdict was reached quicker than
I thought it would be, and while I had
not certainly expected a verdict of guilty
I had thought that there would be serious
disagreement among the members of the
jury, and looked for a delayed verdict if
not a disagreement. The fact that the
agreement was so quickly reached shows
that the jury gave no credit to the testi-
mony of McWhitney, Mrs. Showers, Van-
quish or Fortner. This testimony being
discredited the entire foundation went
from under the prosecution and a verdict
of acquittal was the inevitable result.
The public, not even the friends of
Faunce, have any just cause for complaint
of the results. The prosecution was abso-
lutely in the control of the most able
counsel, friendly to Faunce, who brought
to the prosecution their entire energy, ex-
perience and devotion. Messrs. Lefforge
and Crea earned the thanks of the court,
the people and especially the friends of
Faunce for the able manner in which they
conducted the prosecution.

"I feel that the trial of this case has
forever silenced the many rumors that
have been put about involving my own
professional and personal honor touching
the trial of Faunce or connected with the
past history of the case. The jury having
acquitted Maury, it is a matter of much
interest to the public, and especially
Faunce and his friends, as to the effect
the verdict will have upon his petition for
a pardon.

"If Maury had been convicted or if
there had been a disagreement of the jury
the pardon of Faunce, at least in the pub-
lic estimation, would have speedily fol-
lowed. But from the speedy acquittal of
Maury involving the entire discredit of
this newly discovered testimony given by
McWhitney, Mrs. Showers, Vanquish and
Fortner, many conclude that the prison
doors have fastened against Faunce for
the balance of his life. I have no doubt
that many others feel that he should be
pardoned notwithstanding this verdict.

"Shortly prior to the indictment of
Maury the board of pardons requested
me to make a statement and give it my
opinion in relation to the petition. The
matter coming before the grand jury and
resulting in the indictment of Maury, the
board determined to postpone the further
consideration of the pardon, pending the
trial of Maury and asked that I delay
my statement until a thorough investiga-
tion had been made.

"I shall in compliance with the request
of the board and in the discharge of a
duty imposed on me by the statute, make
a statement and recommendation, and as
I have fully made up my mind as to what
that recommendation shall be, I see no
good reason or purpose served in either
keeping Faunce or his friends or the pub-
lic in suspense.

"I shall join Mr. Crea at the earliest
possible moment in the recommendation
of the pardon of Faunce and I shall fully
set forth in that recommendation the rea-
sons why the recommendation is made,
and which will then be made public. As
I have publicly stated a number of times,
and I told Faunce a number of years ago
when I met him in the penitentiary and
had a talk with him about a pardon, that
if my conviction of his guilt was ever
seriously shaken I would recommend his
pardon and as I have upon other occa-
sions made a similar statement to his
friends, I feel that the facts and circum-
stances disclosed at the recent trial were
of such a character as to impose upon me
the duty of fulfilling that promise.

"When that promise was made it did
not mean that I should delay this recom-
mendation until somebody else should be
convicted, for that would imply that
there was no reasonable doubt of the in-
nocence of Faunce. Serious doubt might
exist of the guilt of Faunce, while it
might not appear beyond reasonable
doubt that some other person was nec-
essarily guilty. When I finally concluded
as the urgent request and sollicitation of
Mr. Crea to make an argument to the
jury, I only could give my consent to make

that argument because I felt that there
were many circumstances developed at
the trial that tended to prove the guilt of
Maury and which necessarily involved to
the same extent the innocence of Faunce.

"While it was for the jury to determine
the credits to be given to the newly dis-
covered evidence, yet I felt that I was not
warranted to usurp the province of the
jury and determine in advance that these
witnesses were unworthy of credit.

"I felt and I feel now that the condi-
tions have arisen and the time has come
when good faith requires me to fulfill the
promise that I made to Faunce and his
friends, and I shall therefore, recommend
his pardon."

Those who followed the trial of Faunce
closely will recall the fact that he at-
tempted to prove an alibi, which did not
hold good, and that the circumstantial
evidence was strongly against him. No
one saw him fire the shot. The jury
found him guilty and fixed the punish-
ment at life imprisonment. He has al-
ways protested his innocence. In the
light of recent developments and the
doubt thrown on the probability of the
guilt of Faunce, the people generally will
feel that the pardon of Faunce will be
just.

Still it cannot be known just what the
state board will do. The recommenda-
tion of Mr. Mills, who prosecuted Faunce,
will go a long way toward influencing
the decision of the board in behalf of the
prisoner.

THE TURTLE BOY GONE.

He Has an Interesting History—Was
With Barnum Several Seasons.

The Arkansas Turtle Boy, a negro frank
which has been on exhibition at the store
room formerly occupied by White's pawn
shop, has taken his share of money out of
this city. There are, apparently, a good
many other cities which have had the
same experience. This particular freak
is well off, owning 160 acres of land in
the south part of the state, and his man-
ager, Willis Clark, is in no danger of be-
ing sent to the county poor farm himself.

The turtle boy's name is George Wil-
liams, and his home is now in Wheaton,
Ill. He was born in Hot Springs, Ark.,
59 years ago. He has been on the road
fifteen years, having been with the Bar-
num & Bailey show for many years. He
is eighteen inches high, has the head and
body of a boy about 12 years old, in size
and his legs, from which he derives his
nick name of the turtle boy, are solid
bone with no knee cap or no joints in
them. The legs are bowed so badly that
he cannot stand up at all and never could.
He has a well developed head and lungs
as anyone can testify who has passed
along Water street the last few days, by
the noise he has made. He plays the
French harp, the drum, and sings. Both
of William's parents are dead, and he has
no kin.

A kind of fence was built around the
box on which the turtle boy sat with his
short legs doubled up under him. As the
bills stated, he is a dupe in appearance,
though he assures the people who were
looking at him when his manager said so,
that "I ain't no dupe." The freak rem-
inded to get quite as much fun out of the
people looking at him as they did out of
him. He joshed with them and particu-
larly the few women who came in to look
at him. He tried to get some of them
who were chewing gum, to give him
some, but as no one did so, he drew a
stick of gum out of his own pocket and
chewed it with relish, spitting occasion-
ally with a very comical grimace. When
playing on the French harp he kept time
with the lively tunes he played with his
legs on the box on which he sat. The
Turtle Boy will go from here to Pana
and come here from down in Oklahoma
territory.

AT THE GRAND.

TONIGHT.

Tonight the Grand will have for an at-
traction Joseph Arthur's new play, "The
Cherry Pickers." It is a fine military
melodrama, the scenes of which are laid
in India during the Afghan campaign of
1878-80. "The Cherry Pickers" is the
name given to the Eleventh Hussars, as
they are the wearers of the only red uni-
form in the British service. The story of
the loves of two half-castes, Nazare, the
aide-de-camp to Colonel Brough, and
Noormalee, the daughter of the rich Eu-
rasian merchant, forms the theme of the
play.

"FAUST."

Morrison's version of "Faust" will be
presented at the Grand on Monday night.
The drama has been toned in every part
until it is scarcely recognizable. The
scene effects which have been added with
unstudied liberality and detailed care are
the least noteworthy of the changes which
have been effected. The revels on the
Broken wherein the spectacular is dealt
has been raised from the absurd to the
impressive. The entire performance has
become serious and exalted. The com-
pany is an excellent one, each of whom
aid in bringing the sublimely beautiful
sentiment, the profound philosophy, the
grandeur of the moral teaching and the
lofty conception of the great German's
mind into a round, full and splendid pro-
duction.

Golf can prettily be traced in Scot-
land history to 1457, and it is believed to
have been played much earlier than that
date.

MONTHLY REPORT

Items of Expense of the
County in March.

THE TOTAL WAS \$13,869.07

Death Rate Has Been High During the
Month—Heavy Rainfall for

March Shown by Prof.
Coonradt's Report.

The monthly report of County Treas-
urer Patterson shows that during March
\$13,869.07 has been expended for the coun-
ty. The different items of expense the
orders for which were cancelled and filed
with the county clerk today were as fol-
lows:

County Clerk's juror certifi- cates	18.60
Circuit Clerk's juror certifi- cates	2087.90
Coroner's juror certificates	31.00
Foreign witness certificates	233.30
Sparrow orders	229.50
County orders issued by county board	11,236.51
Total expenditures	\$13,869.07

This is the largest expenditure than
usual but March, June and September
are always big months. It is slightly
larger than March of 1897, as the total
for March that year was \$19,229. In
1896 the total for March was \$21,488.
The great decrease in the expenditures
for the month during the past two years
from that of 1896 was due to the fact that
there were not so many county orders
issued by the overseer of the poor.

DEATH RATE HIGH.

The death rate during the past month
of March has been unusually high. The
number of deaths reported for the month
by the city clerk is 34. This is a larger
number than has occurred during one
month for some time past.

The total number of death in the city
last February were 22. The death rate
in March however is always high.

A RAINY MONTH.

Precipitation for March Has Been Un-
usual—In Regard to Temperature.

The month of March has been an un-
usual one on account of the fact that there
has been a great amount of rainfall.
There has been more rain during the past
month than in any March for a number
of years and in fact more than there has
been in any month of the year for some
time. The greatest rainfall was 4.28 in-
ches on the 26th and 27th. Sixteen days
of the month were rainy. The total pre-
cipitation for March has been 9.15 inches.
It will be seen that this is a heavy rain-
fall for March comparing it with the fol-
lowing figures which show the total pre-
cipitation for the same month for the past
four years: 1904, 2.79 inches; 1899, 1.18
inches; 1898, 1.44 inches; 1897, 3.08 in-
ches. The average precipitation for the
entire year for March for the past 20
years is 2.28 inches. The total precipi-
tation for this year so far has been 17.64 in-
ches which is about half of the entire pre-
cipitation of all last year, 35 inches.

The maximum temperature during the
month was 69 degrees on the 16th; the
minimum temperature was 18 degrees on
the 3rd. The mean temperature was 44
degrees. The mean maximum tempera-
ture was 54.7 and the mean minimum
temperature 34 degrees. There were 19
clear, 4 partly cloudy and 16 cloudy days
during the month. The prevailing direc-
tion of the wind was southwest. There
was a solar halo on the 5th of the month
and a lunar halo on the 8th. There were
thunder storms on three days of the
month.

Father Brady in Charge.

For the present Rev. Father Brady
will have charge of St. Patrick's Catholic
church in place of the Very Rev. Father
P. J. Mackey. No one will be appointed
to succeed Father Mackey until July,
when changes are made among the rectors
of the different churches in the diocese.
Father Brady for several years past has
been acting as assistant rector and is
well fitted to have charge of the church
until permanent arrangements are made.

The rapid growth of the finger nails is
supposed to indicate good health.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

**DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER**
Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Wisdom.—An eastern scientist says that a flea were as large as a man he could jump from Pittsburgh to Cleveland. And he probably would.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Neither Is Boss.—Kelliber—"O! hear that Hogan an' his wife don't gitalong very well 'tigher at all, at all." Flannery—"O! I think it's because they're too evenly matched."—Puck.

Miss Beacon—"Wasn't it Admiral Porter who said: 'Take no quarter from the enemy?'" Mr. Lake—"Naw, it couldn't have been—or, if it was, he's the only porter that ever said such a thing."—Truth.

Social Joys.—"Our wrangle-jangle euchre club has had to rent a room." "Why?" "Well, we have had so many quarrels over the prizes that none of the women will go to the others' houses."—Detroit Free Press.

Quick Retribution.—Mamma (excitedly)—"Never mind, Harold; God will punish Tommy for striking you." Harold's Brother—"He has punished Tommy already, mamma." Mamma—"How do you know?" Harold's Brother—"Cause I just now busted his drum for him."—Truth.

Flick—"Call him a musician? Why, he doesn't know the difference between a note and a symphony." Black—"You don't mean it?" And they hurry to get away from one another. Each is terribly afraid that the other will ask: "By the way, what is the difference?"—Boston Transcript.

Our Aristocracy.—"They're not in the same set with us—oh, dear, no." "Indeed?" "Oh, not at all. We're a much older family, you know." "Yes?" "Yes, certainly. You see, their grandfather was in trade, while all the money in our family was made by our great-grandfather."—Chicago Evening Post.

A VETERAN POKER GAME.

The Ante Is One Match, and the Limit Is Five, But the Play Is Fierce.

Card playing is the principal amusement of the inmates of the Michigan soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, Mich., during the winter months, when the inclemency of the weather keeps the veterans indoors. Two large rooms are fitted up with tables, and these tables are constantly surrounded with old soldiers, who spend most of their time not devoted to eating or sleeping in play. The favorite game is poker, and then come old sledge, sixty-six and cribbage, and occasionally whist. A few of the "sporty" veterans, however, are fond of poker, and have a table of their own in the corner of the room. Gambling for money is strictly forbidden under the rules of the institution, and so matches are used. Each player goes into the game with a box of common red-headed matches that sells for a cent and contains 200 matches. The ante is one match, and it takes two to stay, and the limit is five matches, and the veterans can work themselves into as much excitement over these stakes as though every match was a blue chip for \$100. The hands are scrutinized with just the same care, the cards are pinched with the same degree of caution, and pairs and fulls and flushes are sized up as earnestly as in a game for the real stuff. It is a study to watch the veterans as they calculate whether the other fellow is bluffing or not and cautiously shove a match or possibly two of them, into the center of the table when the conclusion is reached that the hand is good for it. Occasionally a jackpot is opened with ten or fifteen matches in it, and as much interest is manifested in it as though it contained a year's income in hard cash.

The poker table has a "kitty," and into it is dropped a match on every winning hand and two matches for every jackpot. The "kitty" matches are the common property of all the players, but can be used only for the lighting of the ever-going pipes of the players. The "kitty" in time gets all the matches, and as one player after another loses his entire pile to the more fortunate they bring new boxes into the game to keep it going. The most lucky player in the little group of poker devotees has nearly a box of matches yet left of his original pile, while the most unfortunate has bought two additional boxes besides the box he went in on. The game began in the latter part of September and will continue until spring opens in April.—N. Y. Sun.

Yellow Jaundice Cured. Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters, and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky."

Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

Twenty-five farmers of Thomasboro, Champaign county, have organized a stock company and purchased an imported Percheron stallion for \$3500.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell.

Miss Ella Bees, aged 35 years, the daughter of Allen Bees of Clinton, was adjudged insane Saturday and committed to the Jacksonville asylum.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. H. W. Bell.

The streets of Paris are swept every morning by 3000 male and 800 female scavengers, divided into 140 brigades.

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Easy to tell sick kidneys. Look to the back for the note of warning. Most backache pains are kidney ills. Twinges, twinges, pains and aches of a bad back.

Should be treated promptly. Every day's delay means future trouble. Urinary complications set in, diabetes, Bright's disease.

Doan's Kidney Pills are kidney specialists. Cure every form of kidney ills. Proof of this in Decatur testimony.

Mrs. Frank Arnold of 446 Wabash avenue, says: "It is a year or more since my kidneys began to trouble me mightily. Gradually other symptoms began to appear which plainly showed that my kidneys were badly affected. I had constant sharp pains shoot across my back and hips with bearing down pains in the loins. Stopping, lifting, going up or down stairs, or the least exertion in doing my housework, always increased the pains through my kidneys. I was restless at night and through the day I had a tired feeling with little ambition to do my work. Accompanying these there was a kidney weakness which was very annoying. I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills and obtained them at a drug store. They did me a wonderful lot of good in every way; relieved the pain in my kidneys; my back feels stronger; and the weakness is relieved. They acted as a tonic in my case and benefited my general health very much. It is a pleasant thing for me to remember Doan's Kidney Pills and to speak well of them among my friends."

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A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell.

Albert Zerwekh will build a three-story brick, corner Elizabeth and Fourth streets, Pekin. The building will be 40x55 feet and cost \$15,000.

M. L. Vocum, Cameron, Pa., says: "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pills, remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Little Early Risers was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure. As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Little Early Risers has no equal. H. W. Bell."

Ed Weld's pond at Clinton broke its outlet and half the water and thousands of fish escaped into Cook creek.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers," and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, liver and stomach troubles. H. W. Bell.

Ed Weld, Jr., of Clinton, is setting out 1000 peach trees between the rows of a large number of apple trees set out last year.

It is a great leap from the old-fashioned use of blue mass and nauseous physic to the present little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headaches and biliousness. H. W. Bell.

Western Star Masonic lodge of Champaign has bought the Elchberg business house on Main street for \$13,000.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. H. W. Bell.

J. N. Lowry of Gibson City, died Tuesday at the home of William Doman.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. H. W. Bell.

Fifty Woodmen of Paxton attended the funeral of R. A. Swanson at Loda.

The corner stone of the New German Baptist church at Springfield, was laid this week. The congregation organized in 1883, numbers now 150. Rev. A. Janzen is the pastor.

The Christian era was not introduced as a basis of reckoning time until the sixth century.

No Room for Doubt. Proof, yes overwhelming proof can be furnished of the excellent curative qualities of Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup. "I caught a cold which led to a cough and pain in the chest. (pneumonia?) I bought Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup, and after taking one bottle of it, the cough began to disappear; when I finished taking the second bottle I was cured. Gustav Thurmair, 49 Hickory St., Cleveland, O." Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Take only Bull's.

WHERE BLOOD FIRST WAS SHED.

Ferment's Claim Respecting the Beginning of the Revolution.

Vermonters have been wont to claim that the first blood of the revolutionary struggle was shed at Westminster, Vt., on the 13th of March, 1775, when, as the inscription on his monument records, William French "was shot by the hands of Cruel Ministerial tools of George 3d."

But there are rival claims. Some Massachusetts people assert that the first blood was shed at Salem on the 26th of February, 1775—15 days before the Westminster massacre—when Gen. Sage, having learned that the patriots were mounting some old cannon taken at the French war at Salem, sent thither a battalion of 300 men under Lieut. Col. Lastic, who met in the town a mob so large and threatening that he thought it the proper plan to retreat his steps to Boston. It is claimed that bayonets were lowered and some of the men who barred the way were pricked with them.

A much earlier collision between a squad of British soldiers and a mob in New York city in January, 1770, has also been cited as the first instance of the shedding of blood in the contest for independence. This latter event has now come freshly into notice. Within a week past a bronze tablet has been placed on the wall of the Broadway corridor of the New York post office by the Daughters of the Revolution of that city.

Whether the blood spilled in this fracas can properly be called "the first martyr blood of the revolution" of course depends on the date when the American revolution can properly be said to have begun. Historians have not commonly placed that date earlier than the year 1773. There was already serious friction between the colonies and the king in 1770. The presence of British troops to uphold the oppressive measures of the British government was obnoxious to the men of the colonies, but they had not as yet determined to throw off the yoke. The liberty they claimed, and for which the liberty pole on the New York common stood was liberty under the royal government, not independence of it.

If the collision between the New York sailors and English sailors in January, 1770, could be called parts of the revolution, then the similar occurrence in Boston in March of that year, known as "the Boston massacre," in which the soldiers fired on the mob and killed three citizens, would have been placed by historians among the overt acts of revolution. But that event has not been so classed. The revolution was impending, but had not begun.

When, however, the royal posse attacked the courthouse at Westminster, Vt., the revolt was in active preparation. The first continental congress had assembled, the port of Boston had been closed by British ships and a British army assembled at Boston. The minute men of Massachusetts and Connecticut were casting the bullets which a few days later slew hundreds of redcoats at Concord Bridge and Bunker Hill. The Green Mountain boys had already engaged to take Ticonderoga. The revolution had begun.

If a British bayonet was stained with patriot blood at Salem, Mass., in February, 1775, that may, perhaps, fairly be called the first blood of the revolution, but it is not certain that any blood was then shed. Mr. Winsor, the Massachusetts historian, in his "Critical History of America," calls it "a little alleged pricking of bayonets," and, according to his view, the first blood of the revolution was not shed there, but at Lexington. "The shot heard round the world" was fired on the 19th of April, 1775, but William French and Daniel Houghton, slain by "King George's" "tory crew" at Westminster on the 14th of March were patriots arrayed against royal authority, and there is still room for fair argument that theirs was the first martyr blood of the revolution. — Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.

THE DANGERS OF HEALTH.

French Scientist Fears That Population Will Increase Too Fast.

Marquis de Nadailac, a French scientist, tolerably well known here through his work on "Prehistoric America," has been recently engaged in calculations that are curiously suggestive. They concern the dangers of health. Since the memory of man runs not to the contrary, or, more definitely, since the late Jeremy Bentham inaugurated the doctrine of the greatest good of the greatest number, there has been an effort, tentative yet perceptible, to get things shipshape, to provide through arbitration against war, to improve sanitation, to fell disease, to foster matrimony and simplify existence.

One does not need to be prophetic to assume that ultimately the effort will succeed. But consider the result. What with universal peace, universal sanitation, the fanning of the microbes and continuous matrimony, in no time at all—in two centuries at most—De Nadailac declares that the earth will be overpopulated and that there won't be enough food to go around. If he is right, then, indeed, the struggle for life will begin in earnest, and not of individual with individual, but of nation with nation, a struggle such as history has never known and which will result in the survival of the fittest—providing always survival there be. It will be the clash and clatter of empires and republics contending, not for principles, but for bread; a gigantic upheaval in which whole races will disappear, and all because humanity is in love with an ideal that is not in love with it, because peace is not a blessing and because the microbe is a boon.—Collier's Weekly.

Metaphysical. Bronco Pete (thoughtfully)—Wonder how ever become yer Tarantula Jim? Grizzly Dan—"Why, don't you remember helping to lynch him last July?" "W'y, of course I do!—but I wonder how ever become uv him finally."—Puck.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Koddick & Kossak.—15-dtf
Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

"The Cherry Pickers" play will be the attraction at the Grand tonight. Township election next Tuesday.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 533, new phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—6-dtf

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Poultry, Hens, Springs and Frying Chickens. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.—1-2t

Isaac S. Clark has been granted additional pension and Harvey A. P. Doyle of this city has been granted an increase of pension through the agency of M. Shea.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—m1-d&wsw

Low rate excursion to New Orleans via Illinois Central R. R. Date of sale April 2. Tickets good returning leaving New Orleans April 7, April 11 and April 13, 1898. Only \$19 round trip. Tickets on sale at City Office or Union depot.—13-3t

Entertained by the Young Ladies.

The young ladies of the Social Dancing club gave a dance for the young men of the club at the Guards' armory last evening. The floor was in charge of Harry Helms and supper was served at Broderick's restaurant. This was the last dance of the season, but so great has been the success of the club that the members were unanimous in deciding to make it a permanent organization and the club will be reorganized next year.

A Fact.

You can get Spinach, Beans, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Cauliflower, Onions, Head Lettuce, Radishes, Cress, Parsley, Celery, Beets, etc., at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344. Old and New.—1-2t

Masonic.

Stated communication of Mason lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. J. W. Carter, W. M.; G. P. Lewis, Secretary.

2,000 First Class Books on sale at 10 CENTS EACH.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. "Diseases fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles 10c at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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CONVENTION NEWS

County Christian Endeavor Elects Officers.

J. L. DECK IS PRESIDENT

All Churches Represented in the List—Report of the Active Lookout Committee—Address by Dr. Rogers of Springfield.

The convention was opened this morning at 6:30 o'clock with a sunrise prayer meeting, led by Miss Bertha Gray. Subject, "A Closer Walk With God." Quite a number were in attendance.

At 10:30 o'clock the morning session was opened with the president, Miss Carrie Knap, presiding. The first number was a song service led by the Church Street Christian church choir. This was followed by "Bible Study," conducted by Rev. M. B. Spayd of the U. B. church. The 13th chapter of Corinthians was taken for study by Rev. Spayd, who spoke of this chapter as being an illustrative portrait study of the life of Christ. In a beautiful manner the teaching of the chapter were brought forth and the study proved a helpful and beneficial feature of the morning program. This was followed by a business meeting which included reports from the officers and different committees as follows:

Report of treasurer—Received for the year \$116.31, expended \$82.55, balance on hand \$33.75.

Report of Lookout Committee.

The committee was organized with 25 members on the committee roll on April 27, 1897. The committee motto adopted was found in Rev. III. 1: "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." The three sub-committees were appointed to work in different churches. The first Sunday of each month was adopted as the time to meet together and review and plan the work. A society of visiting committees was appointed in which it was planned for each of the societies in the city of Decatur to visit every other society by a committee from each society and report the best ideas and methods from the societies visited back to their own society and each to make a report of their work to the chairman of this committee.

Eighteen meetings were planned which required two months' time to complete the visitations as outlined and during the year only one report was read by the chairman which was not entirely satisfactory to this committee.

A sub-committee on platform and jail was appointed. The object of this committee was for the purpose of holding union devotional meetings at least once a month at these places. The authorities of these institutions refused the committee admission and the committee was discharged. A stranger's visiting committee was also appointed. This committee has succeeded in placing bulletins in nearly all the hotels, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms and in the union depot, with the names of every church in the city and the time of all their different meetings indicated so that the stranger visiting within our gates can be guided to some place of worship.

In the past year 11 rallies or inspiration meetings have been held at different points in the county. These meetings were held at Macon, Mt. Zion, Warrensburg, Niantic, Argenta, Meron, Chicago, Mrs. Gulick's, north of Decatur, North Fork, and were productive of much good and were a great stimulus in the work of the society. A number of societies were organized and are now in a flourishing condition. The report of the society for the year was given as follows:

Total number of active members, 885.

Total number of associate members, 143.

Total number that have united with the society in the past year, 53.

The First M. E. church has the largest number of active members.

The Presbyterian church of Macon has the largest number of associate members. The U. B. church of Decatur showed the largest per cent of its membership at the recent course of Missionary lectures, when a banner was offered for the largest per cent of the membership of any one society present.

The Macon county Christian Endeavor Union is represented by seven different families of denominations. There are 38 senior, four intermediate, and ten juniors societies. Three new societies have been organized and two reorganized in the past year.

Report of Junior Committee—Several Junior societies were organized during the year and all are in a flourishing condition. The Junior society of the First Presbyterian church being an especially active society.

Report of Missionary Superintendent—Sixteen rallies were held in the county during the year. A lecture was given by Rev. M. B. Spayd at Orona and two lectures on the missionary extension work were given in Decatur. The first by Rev. Frost Craft and the second by Rev. S. H. Boywer. To foreign missions was given the sum of \$537.32, to home missions \$353.95, other benevolences \$418.75.

There are 25 members who are members of the "Tenth Legion."

Report of nominating committee—Officers elected as follows:

President—J. L. Deck, First Baptist church, Decatur.

Vice President—Miss Lulu Wheeler, C. P. church, North Fork.

Secretary—A. M. Taylor, First M. E. church, Decatur.

Treasurer—Arthur Pritchett, Christian church, Niantic.

Missionary Superintendent—Miss Ida Humphrey, Church Street Christian church, Decatur.

Junior Superintendent—Mrs. R. J. Simpson, First Presbyterian church, Decatur.

Two minute reports were heard from the different societies in the county and those reported were found to be in a good condition and well established for a year's successful work. The session was closed by the benediction by Rev. W. H. Penhallagan.

The afternoon exercises included some of the most interesting features of the convention in open parliament by Rev. Ira D. Landrich, chairman of the executive committee of the Nashville convention of 1897, and the pastor's hour, in which several short addresses were made by the pastors of the city with Rev. A. W. Hawkins in charge. Talks were given by Miss Ethel Dimmock and Miss Frances Patterson of Chicago. The evening program will be given as follows:

Song service.

Address—Rev. Ira Landrich.

Address—Miss Frances Patterson, Chicago.

C. E. Camp Fire—Rev. W. H. Penhallagan.

The Night Meeting.

The evening session of the Macon county Christian Endeavor convention was the crowning service of a successful day's work. After a song service, a short time was spent in Bible study, led by Rev. Marion Stevenson of the Edward Street Christian church. Rev. Stevenson has been conducting classes in Bible study in his church throughout the winter and a most interesting study of the Book of Leviticus was outlined by him. Outlines of the book were given to each one and the work was gone over rapidly, the study being interspersed by explanations and descriptions of the old Hebrew customs. This study brought forth many new and helpful ideas in Bible study.

THE SERMON.

Then came the convention sermon and the audience listened with the greatest interest and pleasure to a most splendid discourse from the Rev. E. B. Rogers of Springfield, which was unanimously pronounced one of the most eloquent sermons ever heard in Decatur. Rev. Rogers took his text from Acts I. VIII: "Ye shall receive power after that holy ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Dr. Rogers said in part:

"The church of the first century was small in number, but mighty in influence. We have plenty of men today and lots of money, but we lack in power. Down at the center of life and work there is something weak and wrong. When we come to tackle some great subject for God and try to land some great sinner for Christ, we lack reach; instead of being forceful factors in and for all through this city and age, we lack power. Materialism is getting rampant, the personality of God is being swept from out the over arching heavens; duty and conscience and worship and broken-hearted prayers are nonsense and an evidence of imbecility. This is the style of thinking that is getting a fast hold upon this materialistic age. Young men and young women with no God, no Christ, no Bible, no life. We want men, men of brain and men of heart, men who can think and men who can feel, men whose lives are organized around Jesus Christ as a center; men who have fed their souls not on chunks of fog, and been inspired not by some passing night wind, but who have fed on truth and been inspired by ray beams from the hills of light. We want men who can look through any cloud, no matter how thick or black it may be, and see not only an infinite band, but better still, an infinite heart that's as warm and life-giving as the sun in June. We want men who can point sin crushed humanity to some being who can forgive sin; men who can point lost souls to a Savior; men who can say to dead men, 'Look and live.' There's too much indifference to the great concerns of human life; we look at life flippantly, we inspect it elegantly. Life is a tool to be gripped and handled as you'd grip and handle a plow. The opportunities of life are important and worthy of the very best that any man can put into them. This indifference, this admire nothing believe nothing spirit; this refined idiosyncrasy that turns the nose on the symptoms of intelligence lest it should appear to have some interest in something and appear to know something about something, is developing a class of men and women who are thin, rabid, insipid, tasteless; they are inappetent, restless, nobodies, nothings.

"In closing let me ask how strong is your faith? Can you speak for Christ? Where is your testimony? It will not be needed in Heaven; it is needed here. It is estimated that if the ten million Christians would work to save the one and one half billions of unsaved in the world at the rate of one for each Christian a year the whole world would be saved in eight years.

"They who bring in many for Christ

shall shine as stars forever and ever, Amen."

The services were closed with hymn by the choir and the announcements for the morning services were made by Miss Knapp.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

On the Death of W. T. Wells by Members of the Library Board.

The members of the library board held a meeting last night and passed the following resolutions in regard to the death of the late W. T. Wells:

William T. Wells, whose death occurred on Tuesday, March 1, 1898, had been a member of the library board for nearly 21 years. During this time he gave the library and its every interest his warmest sympathy.

For many years he had been chairman of the book and reading room committee. The selection and purchase of books received his most thoughtful care. His ambition was to place within the reach of every one only the best and most helpful literature, thus making the library one of the strong factors in the growth of all that is true and useful.

Every department of library work bore testimony to his devotion and thoroughness. Knowing this, we feel keenly the loss we have sustained by his death.

The city is poorer because of the departure of this good man.

In all its interests, in his business in his church life, he was untiring in his activity.

In his association with members of this board, he was ever pleasant in bearing showing a most kindly and gentle spirit.

Resolved, That we extend to the family and friends of the deceased and also to the citizens of Decatur, this expression of regret that death has taken from one midst one of our best and most exemplary citizens.

Passion Week Services.

Rev. Farnk C. Oberly is making special preparations for Passion Week services at the First English Lutheran church. Each evening of Holy Week, excepting Saturday, special services will be held and addresses will be delivered on the seven last words of the Lord. The week day services will begin at 7:45 o'clock. On next Sunday, which will be Palm Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. there will be confirmation of Catechumens at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Oberly will deliver a sermon. The week day services and the subjects of the addresses each evening will be as follows:

Monday—"Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Tuesday—"Woman, behold thy son!"

Wednesday—"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Thursday—"I thirst."

Friday—"Father, into Thy hand I commend my spirit."

Services will be held Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m., when Mr. Oberly will preach and the Lord's Supper will be administered. Easter night there will be a children's service.

At the Y. M. C. A.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. are preparing their tennis court at the corner of Eldorado and College streets for the summer work. James S. Johnston is chairman of the athletic committee and will have charge of the athletic work.

N. W. Woodford has moved with his family to Paris, Ill., where he has taken the position of general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Secretary T. W. Stewart has moved his residence from 860 North Church street to 729 North Monroe street.

Art and Literature Division

A meeting of more than usual interest was held by the Art and Literature division of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon. The many interesting current topics were discussed and a paper on "The Glasgow School" was given by Miss Frances Calkins.

'Will Adopt a Daughter.

A beautiful two years' old baby girl was sent from the orphan's home at Chicago on an early train this morning to Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Spayd, who will take the necessary steps to adopt her as their own child at once.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Change in Location.

The stock of musical instruments of the Phillips music house are being moved from their present location on North Water street to the North room in the Wingate block on the opposite side of the street.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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PRESIDENT WILL

**Maj. McKinley is Now
Message to the**

SPAIN MUST FIGHT

Armed Intervention for Cuban Independence to Come Quick.

War Seems to be Inevitable—All Agree That Negotiations are at an End—Spanish Flotilla Not at Porto Rico—On the Way.

Washington, April 2.—This morning a cabinet officer said there was no change in the situation. He expected that events will move along on present lines until the President's message is sent to congress early in the coming week. Preparation of the momentous message was begun early this morning by the president, after a long conference with cabinet advisors and public men on lines that should be taken in order that the position of America in this crisis may stand forth in a clear intelligent and justifiable way before the present and future generations. The advice proffered most earnestly upon the President has been the recognition of the independence of Cuba and intervention at once to end the horror of the situation.

The President listened to all views, but has not expressed his own freely. The President has determined to put aside all but the most important matters until the message is ready for submission to congress. With this end in view he devoted himself to a long line of callers today, but saw quite a number of persons whose knowledge and experience might be of service in the task.

ARMY BILL.

Representative Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee, had a brief interview with President McKinley. The conference related to the army organization bill. The President expressed a desire that the bill be enacted into a law at the earliest possible moment, and said it would be wise to have it on the statute books in readiness for carrying out the war for provisions in view of the expected serious culmination of the present crisis. At the close of the conference Representative Hull said the army bill will doubtless pass the house on Monday.

SPANISH DEVILTRY.

Planning to Throw the Blame of Maine Affair on the Cubans.

Washington, April 2.—The Spanish minister has issued a statement that the Spanish consul general at New York has filed with the United States district attorney an affidavit by J. D. Bennett, the New York inventor of the new and powerful explosives, telling how the members of the Cuban Junta called on him and showed much interest in the explosives. He does not say he sold any explosive to them. The Spanish minister says he will lay this affidavit before the senate committee of foreign affairs.

SPAIN MAY BACK DOWN.

At the Last Moment to Avert War—Crosvenor Favors Short Action.

Washington, April 2.—The only thing which seems definitely established regarding the President's message to congress Monday or Tuesday, unless Spain backs down in the meantime, is that the President will not ask further delay. Very few members of congress seem to believe that there is any hope of averting war, and those who do base their belief solely on the point that Spain will yield at the last moment. It is not known whether the